

## **NEMA AND NWA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

### **THE PROPOSED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION PLANT AND ELECTRIC TRUCK CHARGING FACILITY, N3, ESTCOURT, KWAZULU-NATAL**

Notice is hereby given of the intention to submit an application for environmental authorisation and the public participation process, in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, as well as a Water Use License Application (WULA) in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA). The proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) plant and electric truck charging facility includes activities listed in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations 2014.

EnviroAfrica cc has been appointed by N3 Electric Highway (Pty) Ltd. to undertake a NEMA application process for Environmental Authorisation for the proposed facility.

#### **Application for environmental authorisation to undertake the following listed activities\* in terms of NEMA EIA Regulations:**

Government Notice R327 (Listing Notice 1): Activity No. 1, 11, 12, 19, 24, 27, 28

Government Notice R325 (Listing Notice 2): Activity No. 1, 15

Government Notice R324 (Listing Notice 3): Activity No. 4, 12, 14

#### **Application in terms of NWA: Sections 21 (c) and (i)\*.**

*\*Please note that the listed activities above may change during the course of the NEMA Application process. Registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) will be notified of any changes.*

**Project Description & Location:** It is proposed that a solar photovoltaic (PV) plant, connected to an electric truck charging facility with a battery energy storage system, overnight parking, wash bay, lounge area with a kitchen, ablution facilities, shop and offices, including associated infrastructure, be developed on Portion 19 of Farm Klipplaat Drift No. 1009 FS, Estcourt. The Solar PV plant will be connected to the electric truck charging facility via a distribution line with a capacity of approximately 33 kV. An area of approximately 65ha will be considered and assessed.

The proposed site is located off the N3, at the corner of the N3 and Ntabamhlope Rd, approximately 3km south-west of Estcourt. Site co-ordinates (approximate central point): 29° 01' 17.80" S, 29° 49' 33.80" E.

**Public Participation:** I&APs are hereby notified of the applications and invited to register (in writing) and/or provide initial comments and identify any issues, concerns or opportunities relating to either, or all of, the projects to the contact details provided below, **on or before 14 December 2023** in terms of the environmental aspects (NEMA Application) and **on or before 07 February 2024** for water related issues (NWA WULA Application). In order to register or submit comment, I&APs should refer to the project name/s, and provide their name, address & contact details (*indicating your preferred method of notification*) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal, or other interest which they have in the application. You are also requested to pass this information to any person you feel should be notified.

**Please note** that only Registered I&APs will be notified of the availability of reports and other written submissions made (or to be made) to the Department by the applicant, and be entitled to comment on these reports and submissions; will be notified of the outcome of the application, the reasons for the decision, and that an appeal may be lodged against a decision; and will be notified of the applicant's intention to appeal the decision, and where and for what period the appeal submission will be available for inspection.

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## **IQHAZA LOMPHAKATHI KUHLELO LWE NEMA NE NWA**

### **LOKWAKHA ISIKHUNGO SOKUPHEHLA UGESI KUSETSHENZISWA AMANDLA ELANGA AVUSELELWAYO KANYE NENDAWO YOKUTSHAJA AMALOLI KU N3 EMTSHEZI KWAZULU-NATAL**

Umphakathi uyaziswa ngenhloso yokufaka isicelo sokuba kutholakale imvume kwabezemvelo nokuxhumana nomphakathi ngaphansi komthetho obizwa ngele National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), njengoba uchiitshiyelwe, ("NEMA"), Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2014, kanye ne Water Use License Application (WULA) ngaphansi kokugunyazwa i National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998)(NWA). Okuhlongozwayo kokubizwa ngele solar photovoltaic (PV) plant and electric truck charging facility kuhlanguanisa okuzokwenzeka ngaphansi kwe NEMA EIA Regulations 2014.

i EnviroAfrica cc isiqikiwe ngabakwa N3 Electric Highway (Pty) Ltd. ukuba benze lomsebenzi we NEMA njengoba kuhlongoziwe.

#### **Isicelo semvume sokuba kwenzekwe loku okubalwe langenzansi ngaphansi kokuvunyelwa iNEMA EIA Regulations 2014:**

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#### **Isicelo sokugunyazwa ngaphansi kwe NWA: Sections 21(c) & (i)\***

*\*Sicela uqaphele ukuthi okuzokwenzeka okubalwa ngenhla kungahle kuguquke kusaqhubeka uhlelo lweNEMA Ababhalisile nabathintekayo ( I&APs) bazokwaziswa uma kuba khona izinguquko.*

**Incazelo ngeprojekti nokuzinza kwayo:** Kuhlongozwa ukuba le solar photovoltaic (PV) plant, ezobe ixhume kwisikhungo sokutshaja amaloli sikagesi esizoba nalapho kugcinwa khona amandla aphehliwe, indawo yokupaka ubusuku bonke, ila kuwashwa khona izithuthi, ila kuphunyulelwa khona, ikhishi, indlu yokuzikhulula, isitolo namahhovisi nokusondelene nalokho, ukuba kwakhiwe ku Portion 19 kwi Farm Klipplaat Drift No. 1009 FS, Estcourt. iSolar PV Plant yona izoxhuma lapho kutshajwa khona ngogesi amaloli okuzohamba ngentambo elinganelwa ku 33 kV. Indawo elinganelwa ku 65ha izohlonzwa.

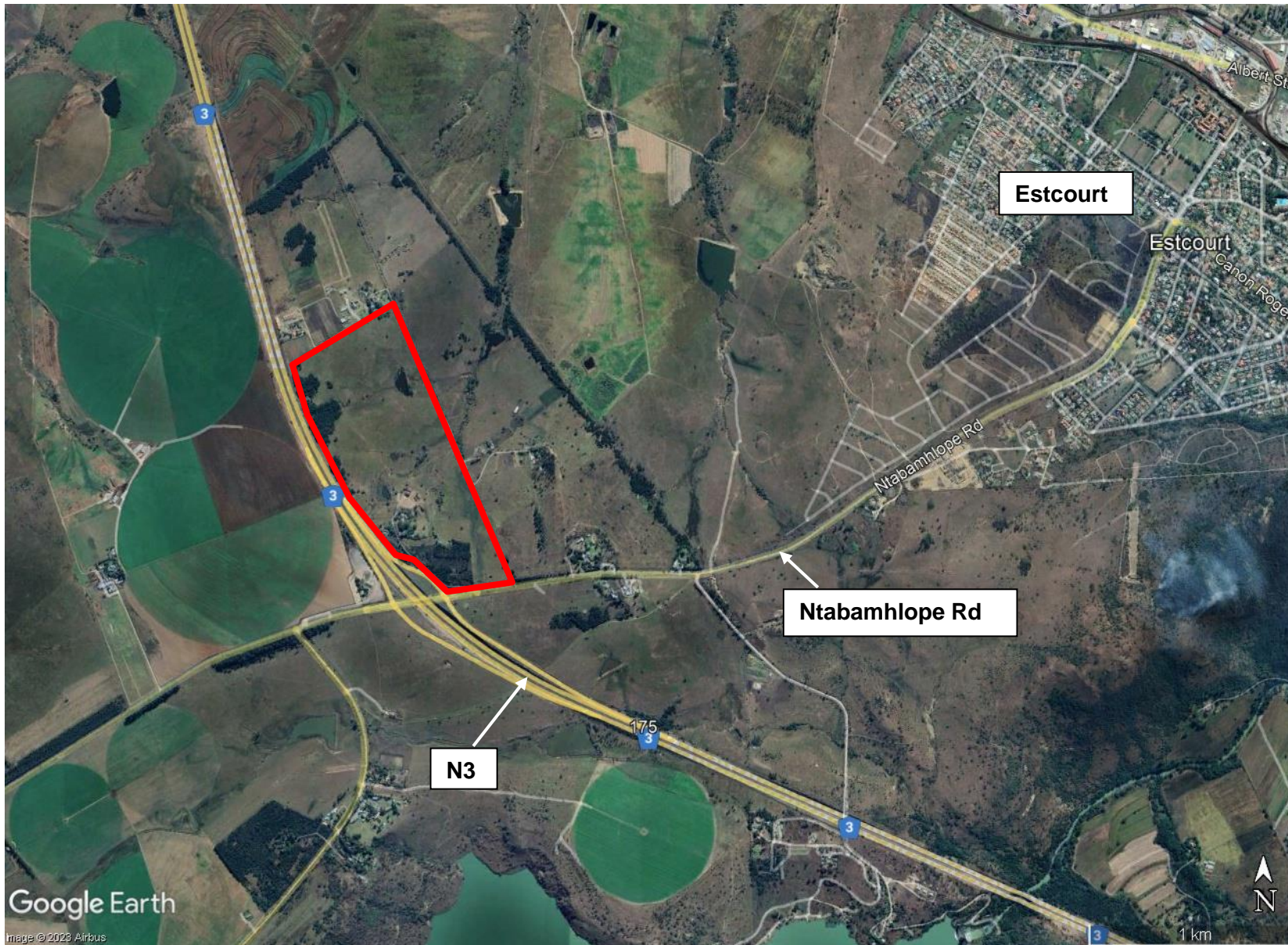
Indawo ehlongozwayo iseceleni nje kancane ku N3, ekhoneni lakhe u N3 noNtabamhlope Rd, amakilomitha amathathu eningizimu-ntshona nase Estcourt. Ama co-ordinate ami kanje, (cishe kwindawo ephakathi): 29° 01' 17.80" S, 29° 49' 33.80" E.

**Iqhaza Lomphakathi:** Ababhalisile nabathintekayo (I&APs) bayaziswa ngalezicelo futhi bayaziswa ukuthi mababhalise noma baphawule okokuqala babeke izimvo, ukukhathazeka, amathuba aqondene nalokhu kuleminingwane engezansi ngaphambi kokuba kushaye u **14 / 12 / 2023** ngokuyalelwa imithetho engaphansi kwezemvelo (NEMA Application) noma ngaphambi **kuka 07/ 02 / 2024** ngokuqondene nezicelo zamanzi (NWA WULA Application). Ukuze ubhalise noma uphawule, ababhalisile kanye nabathintekayo kuzofanele babize igama leprojecti basho namagama abo, amakheli, neminingwane abangathinteka ngayo bebonisa ilokho abakuthandayo ukuba bathinteke ngayo, ibhizinisi abakulona, izimali, nokunye okusesicelweni. Niyacelwa futhi ukuba nidlulise lolulwazi kuyinoma ubani eningafisa ukuba uziswe ngalokhu.

**Sicela uqaphele** ukuthi kuvumeleke kuphela Ababhalisile Nabathintekayo (Registered I&APs) abazokwaziswa ngokuba khona kwemibiko nokunye okubhaliwe noma okusazobhalwa ngofaka isicelo kuMnyango nozovumeleka ukuba aphawule nozokwaziswa ngomphumela walesisicelo, isizathu sesinqumo nanokuthi isicelo sokubuyekizwa kwesicelo nanokuthi kuphi nanini lesosicelo sizovuleleka ukuba sihlolwe.

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## SITE CO-ORDINATES

29° 01' 17.80" S

29° 49' 33.80" E.

 PROPOSED SITE

ENVIROAFRICA / N3  
ELECTRIC HIGHWAY  
REFERENCE NO.:

T-N003-04

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